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Applicants representative briefly reiterated the fact that the Campbell reference describes an *analysis* process, where a corpus of data is created, to be used in a later, separate, process that *synthesizes* speech, and it is in connection with that *analysis process* that the word "target" is employed.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as amended are clearly patentable over the cited references and, therefore, applicants respectfully solicit the allowance of all claims.

Respectfully,
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Appendix - Marked Up Version showing Changes Made

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Thrice Amended) A method for generating a signal rich in prosody information comprising the steps of:

[including] inserting in said signal a plurality of phonemes represented by phoneme symbols,

[including] inserting in said signal a duration specification associated with each of said phonemes,

[including] inserting, for at least one of said phonemes, at least two prosody parameter specifications, with each specification of a prosody parameter specifying a target value for said prosody parameter and any selected point in time for reaching said target value, to thereby generate a signal adapted for converting into speech.